



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

LARGE FAMILY DAY-CARE

1. PERMITS

a. fire clearance

Community Care Licensing requires that homes in which day-care is provided for from nine to fourteen children pass a fire clearance inspection prior to being licensed.

b. garage

Day-care is not allowed in the garage unless a change in use permit has been obtained from Planning and Development Review (i.e. Building Department).

2. MEANS OF EGRESS

a. exits required

Two exits must be provided which are remotely located from each other. One of these may be a sliding glass door.

b. location

Day-care may not be allowed on the second floor unless the building is sprinklered and has two exits from the second floor, one of which provides access directly to the exterior. A basement may not be used unless it has two exits, one of which provides access directly to the exterior.

c. locking devices

Locking devices on the exit doors must be openable in a single motion, with no key or special knowledge required to open the door. Any deadbolt must be interlocked with the handle so that it retracts at the same time that the handle is used to open the door. Any door or gate which must be accessed before reaching the public street or alley must also meet these requirements.

d. security bars

Security bars in rooms used for sleeping {unless there is a door leading to the outside} or on any required exit must be equipped with an approved release mechanism openable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort [1206].

3. FIRE PROTECTION

a. fire extinguisher

A 2A10Bc extinguisher must be provided. The extinguisher must be mounted 3' to 5' off the floor.

b. smoke detectors

Single station battery operated smoke detectors are required in any area in which the children sleep. If the family room is used for the childrens' naps, then smoke detectors are required there. If bedrooms are used, then the bedrooms and the hall outside the bedrooms should have smoke detectors.

c. alarm

A device suitable for sounding an alarm must be provided. We recommend a personal alarm device which can be obtained from an electronics store. It should be mounted in a permanent location.

4. GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

a. appliances and heat-producing equipment

Any gas appliance must have a shut-off valve on the gas line.

A means to protect children from any gas-fired water heater or furnace which they could touch must be provided. Combustible materials should not be stored adjacent to heat-producing equipment.

5. FIRE RESISTIVE BARRIERS

a. occupancy separation

A garage must be separated from the residence by fire-resistive construction. If there is a door opening from the garage into the residence, it must be a 1 3/8" solid core door equipped with a self-closing device.

6. EMERGENCY PLAN

a. Fire drills

Fire drills are recommended monthly.